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I talked to Dan Owen on July 31st because the mining plan as submitted is not practical. Given the projected width of the pit, depth and slope angles of the pit, the projected width was insufficient. Dan indicated that he was not a mining engineer and did not have a good enough understanding of the specifics to address this problem.

I checked with Dan again today to see how he was progressing on the problem. He indicated that Sid Hullinger was out of town and he was awaiting his return before attempting to address my concerns. I indicated that I would be willing to sit down with them again and discuss possible soultions with them when they were ready, if it was necessary.

He said he would contact me after he discusses the problem with Sid.

Joelle.

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Joelle Burns